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SUBJECT: GRANMA CONGRATULATES MANLEY

1. A REUTERS-CANA REPORT CARRIED IN THE DECEMBER 17 GLEANER SAYS THAT GRANMA, THE OFFICIAL CUBAN COMMUNIST PARTY DAILY, HAS DESCRIBED THE VICTORY OF PRIME MINISTER MICHAEL MANLEY AND HIS PEOPLE'S NATIONAL PARTY (PNP) AS "OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE, AS IT WAS GAINED DESPITE BOLD ATTEMPTS BY IMPERIALISM AND INTERNAL REACTION TO DESTABILIZE HIS (MANLEY'S) GOVERNMENT AND PREVENT IT FROM FOLLOWING THE PATH OF INTERNAL REVOLUTIONARY TRANSFORMATIONS AND CORRECT INTERNATIONAL POSITIONS."

2. THE GRANMA ARTICLE REPORTEDLY REMINDED READERS THAT UNDER MANLEY, JAMAICA HAD RESUMED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CUBA IN THE FACE OF THE OAS BAN. ACCORDING TO THE GLEANER VERSION, IT ADDED THAT JAMAICA HAD SUPPORTED CUBAN INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA AND THAT CUBA HAD DENOUNCED "IMPERIALISTIC PLANS" AGAINST THE PNP AND "COLLUSION" BETWEEN CIA AND OPPOSITION LEADER, EDDIE SEAGA. AFTER NOTING THAT CUBA HAS
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SENT APPROXIMATELY 500 "CIVILIAN EXPERTS" TO JAMAICA, THE GLEANER ACCOUNT OF THE GRANMA ARTICLE ADDED THAT, WHILE FIDEL CASTRO HAD BEEN COMPELLED TO CANCEL HIS VISIT TO JAMAICA WHEN THE STATE OF EMERGENCY WAS PROMULGATED, "OBSERVERS (IN HAVANA) NOW BELIEVE IT MAY TAKE PLACE IN 1977."

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